

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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LHD 1986, NR DIS 2001

Town/City: EASTHAM

Place: (*neighborhood or village*): Old Town Center

Photograph



Address: 49 Salt Pond Road

Historic Name: Katherine and Maurice Moore House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling House

Original: Single Family Dwelling House

Date of Construction: ca. 1934

Source: Title research, vital records

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Unknown

Wall/Trim: Wood shingles/ Wood

Roof: Asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Two cottages (Photos 3, 4)

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

None on record

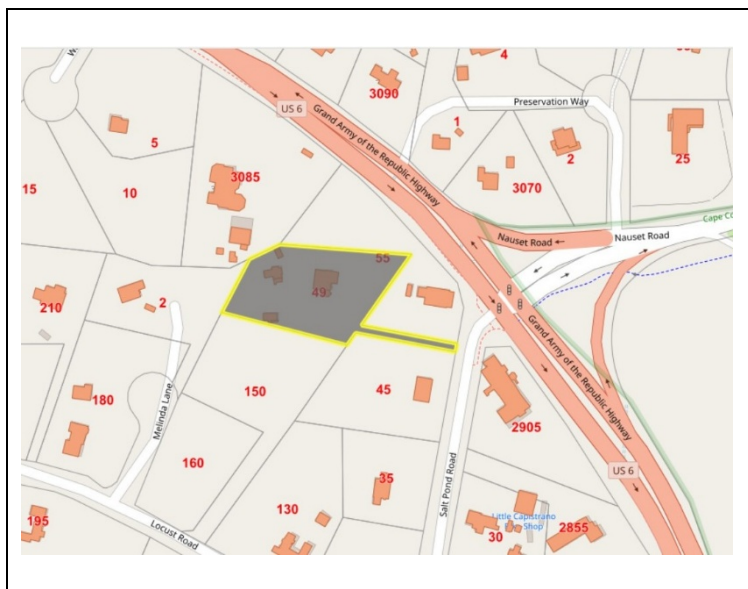
Condition: Good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 0.83 acres

Setting: This parcel is located east of the intersection of the State Highway and Salt Pond Road near the National Seashore Visitor Center. The surrounding area includes 18th and 19th century buildings that contribute to the Old Town Center National Register District. This parcel is set back from Salt Pond Road and is connected to that road via a narrow strip of land that also serves as the driveway. The main house is centered on the parcel and there are two cottages east of the main house.

Locus Map



Recorded by: Eric Dray, Preservation Consultant, for

Organization: Eastham Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): April 2025

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

EASTHAM

49 SALT POND ROAD

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The Katherine Moore House, built in 1932, is set well back from the west side of Salt Pond Road and is not visible from the street. Its form appears to consist of a 1½-story, side-gable main block, a screen porch, a projecting, gable-roofed entrance porch, and a small gable-roofed ell with exterior chimney extending eastward. The elevations are clad in wood shingles with plain cornerboards. The roof is clad in asphalt shingles. Windows include simply framed 6/6 and 6/1 double-hung sash. Shed dormers are found on both roof slopes of the main block. The Moore House has been identified as a product of the Sears Roebuck mail order company.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Incorporated as Nauset Plantation in 1646, and changed to Eastham in 1651, Eastham territory originally extended south to Pleasant Bay and north beyond Wellfleet Harbor. The early development pattern for what we now know as Eastham was impacted by its absence of deep-water harbor facilities. Relatively fertile soil led to dispersed agricultural settlement, but residential and commercial development was concentrated to the north at Wellfleet Harbor and to the south at Town Cove and Pleasant Bay. When the separate towns of Wellfleet and Orleans were created in the late-18th century, Eastham became and remained one of the least populated towns on the Cape throughout the 19th century.

In the 19th century, Eastham was the agricultural center of the Outer Cape. Crops evolved over time; corn and dairy were surpassed in the early-20th century by asparagus and turnips - two crops well suited for the sandy soil. In 1900, 58% of Eastham's workers were employed as farmers, but by 1930 that number had dwindled to 21%. Summer resort development, including cottage colonies and subdivisions of former farmland that would transform Eastham, had begun in earnest in the 1920s as middle-class access to car ownership increased and Cape roads were improved.

The parcel on which this house was built was carved out of a five-acre parcel of land that included the ca. 1880 house at 180 Locust Road (EAS.118). According to the Form B for that property, in 1907 that house and land were sold to Albert D. Moore for \$800.¹ Albert Dill Moore (1866-1956) was the son of Eastham mariner Winslow A. Moore and his wife Margaret Holden Moore. Albert Moore was living in Sharon in 1891 when he married Eva M. Johnson, a native of Woodstock, ME. Albert Moore worked as a painter, paper hanger, and interior decorator. As of the 1910 census, the Moores were living at 180 Locust Road with two of their three children, Bernice (b. 1899) and Maurice (b. 1901). In 1926, the town taxed Moore on a house valued at \$1500, a barn and shed at \$345, a poultry house at \$30, the four-acre homestead, and an acre of woodland.

In June of 1934, Albert recorded a subdivision creating the parcel on which this house would be built (Figure 2).² In August, Albert conveyed Lot A to his son, Maurice Moore.³ The main house has an Assessor date of 1932, but perhaps ca. 1934 would be more accurate. Maurice (1901-1993) had married Cambridge-resident Katherine Beaton (1893-1990) in Maine in 1931. Like his father, Maurice worked as a house painter. This house stayed in their family until 1991, when the Executor for the estate of Katherine Moore sold this property to Mark J. Aitchison of Eastham.⁴ In 2011, a trust created by Aitchison sold this property to Kelly and Michael Kuchyt of Florence, MA.⁵ Following a divorce, Michael Kuchyt now owns this property alone.

¹ Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, Book 330/ Page 501.

² Land Court Plan 15078-A.

³ Cert. of Title 3528.

⁴ Cert. of Title 123756.

⁵ Cert. of Title 196014.

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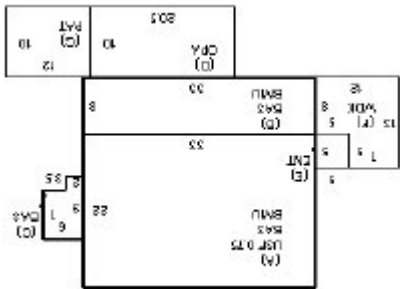


Figure 1. Assessor Sketch.



Photo 2. View looking northeast (Zillow.com).



Photo 3. Cottage #1 (Zillow.com).



Photo 4. Cottage #2 (Zillow.com).

Subdivision of Land shown on plan, filed with
Cert. of Title No. 3238 Registry District of Barnstable County

15078A

15078B

LAND IN EASTHAM

Scale 80 feet to an inch

A JUNE 11, 1934.

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The map depicts a land subdivision in Eastham. Key features include:

- Parcel Owners:** Mary C. Kelley et al., Abbie F. Smart, and Arthur G. Oliver.
- Boundaries:** Defined by bearings and distances such as S. 24° 06' 40" E. 179.36, S. 78° 46' 40" E. 281.06, S. 63° 35' 30" E. 172.65, and S. 65° 35' 30" E. 179.80.
- Infrastructure:** LOCUST ROAD at the bottom and STATE HIGHWAY on the right.
- Markings:** A compass rose in the upper left, and two areas labeled 'A' and 'B' with checkmarks, indicating specific points of interest or survey markers.
- Other Labels:** 'Flores M. S. Knowles' on the left side, and various numerical values like 334.90 and 388.50 along the bottom boundary.

Separate certificates of title may be issued
for lots A and B as shown herein
By the Court

JUNE 11, 1934. Charles A. Burtough
Recorder.